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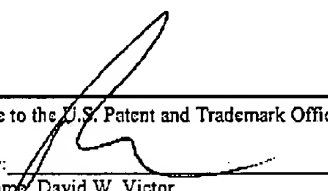
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In re Application of:  
N Aoyama  
Serial No.: 09/376,651  
Filed: August 18, 1999  
For: FEED ASSISTANCE MEMBER AND A  
MEDIUM PROCESSING APPARATUS

Examiner: Ren Luo Yan

Art Unit: 2854



Sir:

Transmitted herewith in the above-identified application is an:

- ☒ Amendment 16 pages.  
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Serial No.:	09/376,651	Group Art Unit:	2854
Filed:	August 18, 1998	Docket No.:	JA9-98-073
TITLE:	FEED ASSISTANCE MEMBER AND A MEDIUM PROCESSING APPARATUS		

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9th, 2004, the attorney for Applicants and the Examiner held phone interviews discussing the claim rejections. The Examiner invited Applicants to make an amendment to the claims that the Examiner indicated may place the case in condition for allowance upon further review. Applicants amend the claims as discussed during the phone interviews. The Examiner said he would review these amendments, and indicated that certain of the amendments would likely be found to place the claims in condition for allowance, and other amendments may need further consideration.

Applicants submit herewith amendments to the claims as previously proposed, an amendment to the drawings to show a non-rotatable member portion, as discussed during the phone interview, to overcome the Examiner's objection to the drawings. Applicants further amended the specification to reference the added drawing and add a reference to existing FIGs. 8 and 9.